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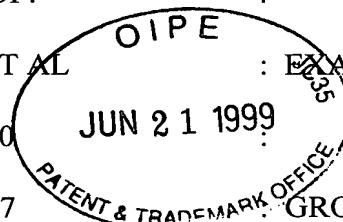
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

MANFRED ASSMUS ET AL

SERIAL NO: 08/813,950

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FOR: THERMOPLASTIC COATING AND
BINDING AGENT FOR MEDICINAL
FORMS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Rejection of January 25, 1999, please consider the following.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17-24 are in the case.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 stand withdrawn from consideration as not reading on the elected invention, subject to be rejoined upon allowance of elected Claims 17-24.

Such rejoinder under MPEP §821.04 is now requested.

Claims 17-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over DeHaan, Mueller and the European Patent '596.

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement submitted herewith.
- Additional documents filed herewith: PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME; DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132 (EXECUTED)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- A check in the amount of \$380.00 is attached.
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